

August, 2011

Dear Parents:

The 2011-2012 Religious Education classes for Grades 2 - 8 will be held on Monday evenings between 6:45 p.m. and 8 p.m. On the back of this letter is the schedule for classes for the year. (If you are receiving this letter via email, please find the schedule attached). Please check it carefully for the NO CLASS days.

The Opening Liturgy will be held on **Monday, September 26** at 7 p.m. in the Church. All students and parents are expected to attend. After the Liturgy, catechists will be introduced, some general information given, and then students and parents will proceed to the school building to meet with the catechists in individual classrooms.

At this first meeting, each **new** family will receive a *Handbook for Religious Education*. Take time to read and understand the entire booklet. It gives important information for ALL students and their families.

Every student in Grades 5 through 8 is **required** to have a Bible for use in class. The *New American Bible* is recommended. These may be purchased at local Christian bookstores or from the Religious Education Office Secretary in the School Office on Monday evening. Our price for the *New American Bible* is \$5.50.

Communication between parents and catechists is very important. I strongly encourage you to read any information sent home with your child throughout the year. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's catechist or myself at any time, if you have any questions or comments. I look forward to meeting you all.

By working together, this year will be an enjoyable and informative one for your child/ren. Thank you for your support and cooperation. Your family will be in our prayers.

An Archdiocesan Medical Release Form is also attached. It is an Archdiocesan policy that this form be completed for each child registered for Religious Education.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Schaefer
Director, Religious Education
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If you change your email address, please notify the Religious Education Office immediately, so we can continue to correspond with you via email.

Monday Evening Religious Education Program
6:45 p.m. – 8 p.m.
2011-2012 Schedule

September	26	Opening Liturgy and Parent Meeting – 7 p.m. in Church
October	3 10 17 24 31	NO CLASS
November	7 14 21 28	CLASS and First Reconciliation Parent Meeting (7 – 8 p.m. Con. Center) CLASS and Prayer Service <i>Super Sunday – Nov. 6</i> NO CLASS (Thanksgiving break)
December	5 12 19 26	<i>First Reconciliation –Nov. 29 & Dec. 1</i> NO CLASS (Christmas Break)
January 2012	2 9 16 23 30	NO CLASS (Christmas Break) <i>TBA - Confirmation Spirit Even. – 6-8 p.m.</i> NO CLASS (Martin Luther King Day)
February	6 13 20 27	<i>Confirmation Retreat, February 11</i> NO CLASS (President's Day) <i>February 22, Ash Wednesday</i>
March	5 12 19 26	<i>March 7, Confirmation Practice 7:30 p.m.</i> <i>March 14, Confirmation – 7:30 p.m.</i> CLASS and First Eucharist Parent Meeting (7 - 8 p.m. Con. Center)
April	2 9 16 23 30	<i>April 8, Easter Sunday</i> NO CLASS <i>April 18 – First Communion Pictures, 6:30 p.m.</i>
May	7	Closing Program & Pot Luck Dinner <i>May 6 – First Communion, 1:30 p.m.</i>